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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR GSP

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1. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OF ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE GSP AND TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE WHERE REQUIRED, THE EMBASSY IS WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE ROC BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION REGARDING THE GSP AND ON THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT. WE HAVE PROVIDED THE BOFT WITH THE RELEVANT BACKGROUND MATERIALS INCLUDING A LISTING OF THOSE PRODUCTS NOW EXPORTED BY THE ROC WHICH WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE. THE BOFT IS PREPARING A PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRESENT AND POTENTIAL EXPORTERS. IT IS ALSO ANALYZING THE PRODUCT LISTS TO DETERMINE WHICH PRODUCTS NOW BEING EXPORTED OFFER THE BEST PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH, AS WELL AS THOSE NOT NOW EXPORTED WHICH OFFER THE BEST POTENTIAL TO ROC INDUSTRY. WE HAVE AGREED TO HELP RESOLVE QUESTIONS WHICH WILL INEVITABLY ARISE IN THE APPLICATION OF A COMPLICATED LAW.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO SENT THE FACT SHEET PROVIDED
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BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THOSE ON THE USIS ECONOMIC LIST,

AND WILL PUBLISH AN ARTICLE IN ITS NEXT COMMERCIAL NEWS-
LETTER. A BRIEFING WAS HELD FOR THE STAFF OF THE
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION, TRADE CENTER PERSONNEL AND
THE CUSTOMS ATTACHE SO THAT INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO THE EMBASSY
WILL BE ACCURATELY AND RESPONSIVELY HANDLED.

3. AS THE CHINESE ARE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TRADERS AND
THE GROC WELL-ORGANIZED, THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED
HERE WILL CONSIST LARGELY OF PROVIDING CLARIFICATIONS ON
RULES AND PROCEDURES OR HELPING TO RESOLVE DISPUTES SHOULD
THEY ARISE. THE ROC IS FULLY ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITIES
PROVIDED BY THE GSP, AS WELL AS SOME OF THE PITFALLS, E.G.,
THE POSSIBLE SEE-SAW EFFECT DESCRIBED IN SEOUL'S 9319.
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